4. 0600 to 1220 (10 minutes frequency).

5. 1220 to 1440 (20 minutes frequency).

6. 1440 to 1930 (10 minutes frequency).

7. 1930 to 2140 (20 minutes frequency).

Improvement of National Highways

2347. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently sanctioned a sum of Rs. 21 crore for the improvement of National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of the National Highways on which the said amount is likely to be spent; and

(c) by when Government propose to complete the task?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) During 1988-89, 167 schemes costing Rs. 74.50 crores for development of National Highway have been sanctioned. These cover National Highways in 24 States/U.Ts and each scheme has different period of completion.

It is too early to say about the time of completion of these schemes.

Introduction of South Indian languages under three languages formula

2348. SHRI D .B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answers to Unstarred Question 1076 and Starred Question 9 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August and 2nd November, 1988 respectively and state:

(a) whether there has been a set back in the teaching of Indian language in the Northern India under the three language formula introduced recently; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to spread teaching of South Indian language in schools in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The National Policy on Education, 1986 has endorsed the Three Language Formula as enunciated in the National Policy on Education, 1968. It stipulates that at secondary stage, a modern Indian language, preferably one of the southern languages, apart from Hindi and English in the Hindi speaking States and of regional language alongwith Hindi and English in the non-Hindi speaking States should be taught.

The Central Government has all along recommended this policy to States/UTs for faithful implementation of the formula. The Central Board of Secondary Education to which all the Kendriya Vidyalayas are affiliated, has this year revised the scheme of studies for secondary examination to ensure faithful adherence to the provisions of National Policy on Education.

Inadequate navigational AIDS at the Airports in the Country

2349. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of airports in the country are functioning withoutadequate navigational aids as stipulated by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO);

(b) whether despite repeated protests made by the pilots to provide adequate navigational aids, no action has been contemplated by Government; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to provide adequate navigational aids at airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The communication and navigation facilities at airports are constantly modernised in a phased manner either by replacement of old technology equipment or by provision of new facilities.

Reservation in Indian Universities for the children of NRIs

2350. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce reservation for the children of Non-resident Indians in the Indian Universities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) No such proposal is at present under the consideration of the Government.

(c) The University Grants Comission which considered a suggestion to reserve seats for the children of NRIs in the Universities in the country, felt that such reservation would not be appropriate. The Commission however felt that steps could be considered for relaxing the time schedule for submission of applications by NRIs, and assisting them by providing information on equivalence of qualifications obtained by their children in foreign countries, etc.

Fatal accidents on National Highway No. 1

2351. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to divert the National Highway Number one from out of the Allahabad city due to increase in the number of fatal accidents during the last three years;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) No, Sir. National Highway No. 1 does not pass through the Allahabad city. Length of National Highway No. 2 passing through Allahabad city is, however, being considered for improvement as a suitable urban link.

Trains from Dehradun to Kanyakumari

2352. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of pilgrims/tourists/defence personnels, who have to travel from Hardwar/Dehradun to Kanyakumari via Allahabad, are put to great difficulty in the absence of a direct train from Dehradun to Kanyakumari;

(b) whether Government have received any representations for starting a train, Uttara Khand Express from Dehradun to Kanyakumari via Hardwar and Allahabad;

(c) if so, what action has been taken thereon; and

(d) if no action has been taken what are the reasons therefor.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Representations have been received for running a direct train from Kanyakumari to Dehradun.